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Honorable William Steckler  
Judge of the Federal District Court  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Judge Steckler:

[redacted] of this Agency have advised me of your courtesy in affording them an opportunity last October to inform you of security aspects of certain private litigation then pending before you. I want to thank you for allowing this matter to be brought to your attention and for your cooperative response to it.

You may be interested to know that this instance represents one facet of a problem which this Agency faces frequently. The problem is to protect intelligence sources and methods, a responsibility with which I am specifically charged by the National Security Act of 1947, and to protect the Government's other interests, accomplishing both of these without doing damage to the individual's right to his day in court. We have found that responsible persons in all three branches of government and in state governments, as well as those in private life, when properly informed of security implications, are anxious to assist in protecting national security. I believe responsible cooperation in these matters, such as that displayed by you, constitutes a contribution to the security of this country.

Sincerely,

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